

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended/Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container comprising an outer cylinder, a sleeve, an inner container in which a stick-type cosmetic can be filled, one or more [a] small projections are provided on the inner container being guided by an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder, and the stick-type cosmetic filled in the inner container being projected and retracted, characterized in that the lower end of the inner guiding groove formed on the sleeve is opened and a recess for storing the small projection is provided at the lower portion of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection and a stop point for the small projection is provided at the lower portion of the recess.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 1, wherein the recess for storing the small projection is provided on the side which receives a force when the small projection is moved downward.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 3, wherein an inner container stopper is provided at the lower end of the sleeve.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 3, wherein at least part of the top surface of the small projection and the inner surface of the outer cylinder come into contact with each other.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A stick-type cosmetic container comprising:
an outer cylinder[,];
a sleeve[,];
an inner container ~~in which~~ configured to contain a stick-type cosmetic ~~can be filled~~;
and
one or more [a] small projections are provided on the inner container being guided by
an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward
and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder,
wherein and the a stick-type cosmetic is configured to be filled in the inner container
and is configured to be ~~being~~ projected and retracted, and
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lower end of the inner container guiding groove
formed on the sleeve is opened and one or more [a] locking projections corresponding to [a]
one or more locking notches formed on the small projection is provided at the lower portion
of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7,
wherein the locking projection is provided on ~~[[the]]~~ a side which receives a force when the
small projection is moved downward.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim
7, wherein the locking projection comprises a substantially horizontal surface formed on the

upper surface and fitting the locking notch of the small projection and a gentle slope formed on the lower surface.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7, wherein two locking projections are provided at two levels.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7, wherein two small projections having the locking notches are provided.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): A stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 7, wherein part of the inner container guiding groove is removed at the position corresponding to the locking projection on the opposite side.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic using the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 1 and filling the cosmetic from the bottom of the container.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): In the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 1, a method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic comprising the steps of positioning the small projection at the stop point, mounting sealing device at an opening of the sleeve, and filling the cosmetic from the bottom of the container.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 14, characterized in that the sealing device of a length corresponding to the distance between the recess for storing the small projection and the stop point is used.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~In the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 10,~~ a A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic, the stick-type cosmetic container including an outer cylinder, a sleeve, an inner container configured to contain a stick-type cosmetic, and a small projection provided on the inner container being guided by an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder, wherein a stick-type cosmetic is configured to be filled in the inner container and is configured to be projected and retracted, wherein the lower end of the inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve is opened and one or more locking projections corresponding to one or more locking notches formed on the small projection are provided at the lower portion of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection, and wherein two locking projections are provided at two levels, the method comprising:

~~the steps of~~ holding the small projection at the lower locking projection of the locking projections provided at two levels[,];

mounting the sealing device at the opening of the sleeve[,]; and

filling the container.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing the stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 16, further comprising:

using ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing device of having a length corresponding to the distance between the two locking projections ~~is used~~.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): In the stick-type cosmetic container according to Claim 11, a method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic comprising the steps of holding the upper small

projection at the locking projection, mounting the sealing device to the opening of the sleeve to fill the cosmetic.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented/Withdrawn): A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 18, characterized in that the sealing device of a length corresponding to the distance between the two small projections is used.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic using a ~~the stick-type cosmetic container, according to Claim 7~~ the stick-type cosmetic container including an outer cylinder, a sleeve, an inner container configured to contain a stick-type cosmetic, and a small projection provided on the inner container being guided by an inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve, the small projection moving upward and downward along a helical groove formed on the inner surface of the outer cylinder, wherein a stick-type cosmetic is configured to be filled in the inner container and is configured to be projected and retracted, wherein the lower end of the inner container guiding groove formed on the sleeve is opened and one or more locking projections corresponding to one or more locking notches formed on the small projection are provided at the lower portion of the inner container guiding groove as a retaining mechanism for the small projection, the method comprising:

~~and~~ filling the cosmetic from ~~the~~ a bottom of the container.

Claim 21 (New): The method of preparing a stick-type cosmetic according to Claim 20, further comprising:

positioning the inner container where the small projection is locked with the lower locking projection;

placing the sealing device on the opening at a distant end of the sleeve;

fixing and sealing the sealing device;

inverting the cosmetic container upside down;

cooling and solidifying the cosmetic;

bringing the inner container upward until it passes over the position where the small projection is locked with the upper locking projection; and

bringing back down the inner container to lock the small projection with the upper locking projection.